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Group Art Unit 2173

Title Centralized Control and Management System for Automobiles

**DECLARATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.131**

Michael L. Obradovich, a resident of San Clemente in the State of California declares:

1. I am the sole inventor of the subject matter claimed in the present patent application.
2. The present application is a continuation of a parent application which matured into U.S. Patent No. 6,275,231 issued on August 14, 2001. The present application claimed priority of the parent application which was filed on August 1, 1997.
3. The entire right to the invention was assigned to American Calcar Inc. of which I am President.
4. This Declaration accompanies a Response to the Office Action dated March 10, 2003.
5. I make this Declaration to antedate the filing date of U.S. Patent No. 6,021,320 issued to Bickford et al. on February 1, 2000 (hereinafter "the '320 patent"), which was cited by the Examiner in the Office Action.

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6. The filing date of the '320 patent is June 27, 1997.
7. I conceived the claimed invention before June 1997.
8. Before June 1997, I communicated the inventive idea to patent counsel Mr. Alex L. Yip, requested Mr. Yip to prepare a patent application, and provided Mr. Yip with illustrative material to facilitate my disclosure of the inventive idea to him on the phone. One of the figures in the illustrative material, which is relevant to the claimed invention, is annexed hereto as Exhibit 1.
9. From prior to June 27, 1997, I worked closely with Mr. Yip via facsimile and telephone in the preparation of the patent application.
10. On or about June 30, 1997, I received a draft of the patent application from Mr. Yip.
11. After receiving the draft application, I worked with Mr. Yip to revise and finalize the patent application.
12. I executed the final patent application on July 30, 1997, resulting in the subsequent filing of the parent application on August 1, 1997 of which the present application is a continuation.
13. All of the above acts relied upon to antedate the '320 patent were carried out in the United States.

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14. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued therefrom.

May 30, 2003  
Date

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